# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

# SYNOD OF NEBRASKA,

HELD AT

BEATRICE, NEB., OCTOBER 3d, 4th and 5th, 1893.

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## FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3D, 3 P. M.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska met in Trinity Lutheran church, Beatrice, Neb., October 3d, 4th and 5th, 1893, at 3 p. m.

The opening religious services were conducted by Mrs. C. B. Havens, of Omaha, Neb. The thought of the hour was the "Promises of God."

At 3:30 the President opened the Convention with Service No. 1 in the Manual.

The officers present were:

*President*—Mrs. G. H. Albright, Lincoln, Neb.

*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Omaha, Neb.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln, Neb.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. H. J. Penfold, Omaha, Neb.

*Literature Committee*—Miss Clarissa Wilhelmy, Omaha, Neb.

**Roll of Delegates.**

The following delegates were enrolled:

*Auburn*—Mrs. Fred. Meyer, Mrs. Henry Dreyer.

*Auburn Mission Band*—Mrs. Ed Juel.

*Beatrice*—Mrs. C. F. A. Bartling, Mrs. J. F. Harkins.

*Grand Island*—Mrs. L. J. Motschmann.

*Lincoln, St. Mark's*—Mrs. O. M. Easterday, Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday.

*Lincoln, St. Mark's Mission Band*—Mrs. W. A. Pike.

*Lincoln, Grace*—Mrs. C. J. Ernst, Mrs. J. H. Humpe.

*Omaha, Kountze Memorial*—Mrs. Allen Koch, Mrs. H. J. Penfold.

*Omaha, Kountze Memorial Mission Band*—Mrs. A. J. Turkle.

*Omaha, St. Mark's*—Miss Clarissa Wilhelmy.

*Omaha, St. Mark's Mission Band*—Mrs. C. B. Havens.

*Ponca*—Mrs. W. C. McCool.

*Sabetha, Kansas*—Mrs. B. F. Pugh.

*Yutan*—Mrs. G. H. Schnur.

**Visitors Present.**

Rev. W. L. Remsberg, Rev. G. H. Albright, Rev. A. C. Gearhart, Rev. J. N. Lenker.

**Address o Welcome**

Was tendered the delegates and visitors by Mrs. Ellen Albright, which was followed by the President's Address.

**President's Address.**

*To the Delegates and Friends of the Nebraska Synodical Society:*

*Dear Sisters:* Through God's kind Providence of abundant blessings during another year in this labor of love, we greet each other again on this the occasion of our Fourteenth Annual Convention. The fact that we have been spared to thus assemble should remind us all that God has yet some work for us to do for Him. And while we come, with songs in our hearts and praise upon our lips, may we have come up with the prayers born of a willing sacrifice, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" and then seek to follow the leadings of the Spirit, endeavoring faithfully and prayerfully to perform the

work allotted to us. When we returned from the "Mission Feast" of our last Convention we were filled with enthusiasm for better work, and resolved to be more devoted. Now we are gathered to recount the work of the year and compare results. Some of the results are seen, others remain hidden. God only knows how faithful you and I have been to the work and to our resolutions.

To you, my dear sisters, whose words of welcome have assured us of your generous hospitality, we already feel as welcome as if the word was written upon every countenance. We feel honored to be privileged to meet with you, and we duly appreciate the courteous manner in which we have been received and we thank you with warm hearts for this kind reception. May our mingling together in church and home be for mutual good. May we leave such influences and incentives to better work in your church and Society as will repay you spiritually for all the efforts that are manifest on every side for our comfort in your midst.

Since your officers and standing committees give reports in full, we do not attempt specific detail of the work, but take a general glance at the field.

The past year has been full of blessings and mercies, for which we owe gratitude to our dear Heavenly Father. Though the work is moving on substantially, yet we have suffered some losses which we hope will not materially affect results but which we must leave to God alone. The regretted resignation of our efficient President, in April, has, no doubt, somewhat affected the work, and yet most of our Societies so thoroughly understand the work that we hope the interest has not lagged for want of a competent head. The Executive Committee's report will show they have tried to carry on the work as planned before the resignation of your esteemed President.

The work falling upon your Vice-President unexpectedly, was taken up with no small amount of misgivings, and though shrinking from such responsibility, we have in weakness tried to perform the duties of the office only for the Master's sake. The duties have not been performed in a manner setisfactory to myself, and perhaps not to the best interests of the work, but we ask you in kindness to bear with the mistakes occurring in these few short months.

The work of many of our Societies is to be commended, they being fully equipped with all the necessary means of information now so well supplied by our Literature Committee. They are loyal to all the plans of our Synodical Society, and so thoroughly understand the workings of the General Society and its Executive Committee that we are very proud of such good working force upon our Nebraska territory. Since we have such material in such a stage of development, we would think it wise if all our weaker and new Societies would learn as much as possible by correspondence and personal contact with those who are older in the work, and wisely watch and catch the inspiration of communion and association with hearts so loyal. We are very sorry to report some Societies inactive. Most of these are in congregations without pastors. This is to be regretted, as we have some very efficient workers in this number. It seems to me that in some of these congregations the Societies

could be carried on even if they have no pastor, but the lamentable fact only shows the importance of the hearty co-operation of pastor and people, and we hope during this coming year these vacancies can be supplied and active work resumed in all Societies. We are exceedingly gratified to report the accession of three new Societies and one Young Ladies' Band.

Greetings have been extended to these, and again we say in the name of this Synodical Society here convened, we bid you welcome into our ranks. God grant you may press forward and soon take your stand among our best working Societies, ever continuing faithful, and never under any discouragement be persuaded to discontinue your work.

While we are rejoiced that our societies are in such good working condition, yet there is room for constant improvement and development. Our President has been very much gratified at the ready response to her circular letters. This is an indication of growth in this line. It keeps your leader and Executive Committee in touch with all the societies, learning of their successes and failures of plans, for encouragement on one hand and warning on the other, so they may know best how to plan for future work. Our Societies are becoming more systematic and loyal in responding to special calls for special objects. It gave us no little joy to note the prompt response to the call for the Oakland Columbian Memorial. We could wish it might have been better, but we are glad to report the creditable sum of $166.48, from our Nebraska Society. We thank you, dear sisters, for this noble response. If we are to judge the future by the past, we will expect a ready response to every appeal, and we feel sure yours is the promise of the faithful in that you will be well repaid for the sacrifice in giving to other needs than your own.

We are also glad to report boxes sent from three of our societies in response to the call from India. The light of information and understanding must shine within our own hearts before its rays reach out to the needy. "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home." The enlightenment which our literature brings, is gradually shining into the hearts of our women, driving away the indifference and emboldening the timid to take active part. The work is educating and employing our best talent, and as our needs are better understood our work advances more rapidly, and meets with the hearty co-operation of our sisters, who readily lay down at the Master's feet their offerings and hitherto unemployed talents, "letting their light shine that others seeing their good works, may glorify our Father in Heaven."

We have reason to rejoice in the great privilege of the meeting of our General Convention upon our territory. This was a sumptuous feast to all who attended this important body, which has become part of the history which will, in the future, reveal the divine recognition shown to the labor of the women of our Church. The meeting throughout was characterized with such a spirit of devotion and business energy that we hope you will all echo back its influence in more true devotion and systematic work in every auxiliary. We hope the contact we have had with our earnest and most successful workers will prove such a benediction upon our synodical work as to bring about such results as we have not yet been able to record.

The increase of all departments of the general work was very gratifying, as shown by reports presented, and we ask of you a careful examination of these reports when you receive the minutes of the Omaha Convention. We urge upon every woman in our Church the importance of a careful reading of the facts recorded.

Our Home Mission points are doing excellent work, though the work is retarded in some places for want of more means. Our two new points are Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Ann Arbor, Michigan. These are both promising fields and are looking forward to the time when their missions will be substantially encouraged by our needed aid.

Freeport was very happy in reporting itself self-sustaining, and we all rejoice with them, that after such a severe struggle they are now upon their feet and able to walk alone. At last reports the appeal for Oakland Columbian Memorial has not been met, but such help has been given as to insure future success. The next point in the home field is San José, that claims our immediate attention, and we are happy that we are privileged to have a part in maintaining these churches that stand as beacon lights in our fair land. Our foreign work is promising and our fields in both India and Africa are progressing as fast as workers and means are provided. Our interest in the work is deepened by the presence and personal reports of our returned missionaries, Rev. Wolf and wife of India, and Rev. Day of Africa.

The Girls' Dormitory in the Muhlenberg Mission is complete, and Rev. Day and wife's labors are lightened by this needful acquisition in their field.

The Medical Hospital of India is now calling for help to the amount of $3000.00, and let us hasten to cheerfully help a cause that so creditably commends itself to our sympathy and prayerful support.

The marked success of our foreign work and workers should stimulate us to the extreme of our opportunity and ability in prompt response to these appeals. Let us remember all our missionaries in special prayer at this Convention, and feel that we assist them best if we continue to pray well, plan and work wisely for the advancement of the work in all its various departments.

The work of the Convention is now before us. We are here to carry out the order of this carefully considered programme already in your hands. These papers and discussions have been carefully prepared and are brought before you in the interest of the work. These interests are all dear to our hearts and every thought expressed is born of prayer. Whether we outline methods of work, or difficulties in the field, or plead for the welfare of those who do not have gospel blessings, or for more workers, or for increased giving, each solicitation is but the echo of a fervent prayer. There is a bond of sympathy between speaker and hearer and writer and reader, and we trust those who receive these words will receive them as prayerfully for souls in need, faithful missionaries and more zeal in the cause of missions. I would ask a careful hearing of all the official reports. Our time is short, we are spending it for the Lord's work and we cannot afford to lose a single part of business or devotion. I hope you have all come with a purpose and with the prayer that you will be willing

and able to perform your duty as it may be presented. The Committee work is very important, and when you perform your part well in that, you contribute as much or more to the work and success of the Convention as you can possibly do in an official capacity.

Enter heartily into all discussion of topics and items of business, and you will be benefited for manifest interest. God repays us richly when we make an effort to help hasten that joyful day when all the earth shall know the Lord.

While we rejoice in what has been done in the year just past, yet very much remains to be done. The good seed that has been sown and sprung up in our existing auxiliaries must be developed and nurtured, and we must push the work of organizing new Societies and Bands wherever possible. How this can best be done is a question very important to be considered.

The General Committee suggest that each Synodical Society appropriate a certain sum of money to defray expenses of organizing, that this method be tried for two years to increase organization, and that we give this matter a fair and full discussion at our Synodical meetings.

The Committee also suggest that the new work, viz., the appeals for the Medical Home and San José be discussed by the auxiliary delegates, with a view of determining the best methods of raising the money to meet the demands.

For the convenience of the work I would suggest the printing of blank reports for the use of delegates to the annual conventions.

I would also urge that we make more strenuous efforts to increase the circulation of *The Missionary Journal* and *Children's Missionary*.

With thanks to you for your hearty co-operation and Christian courtesy shown me in the short time I have served you, I lay down the duties of the office bespeaking for my successor your sympathy, love and prayers, and may we all, who are the children of promise, exercise that faith, that living power, that brings blessings down upon our branch of the work in the Master's vineyard.

After a hymn the announcements were made, and the session closed.

## TUESDAY EVENING.

7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

Opening service from the Book of Worship, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Remsberg.

Hymn 201. Scripture reading, 55th chapter of Isaiah, by the President, followed by prayer and Bible reading, by Mrs. O. M. Easterday, subject, The Book of Daniel. Hymn 456, "Am I a soldier of the Cross."

Offering lifted for synodical expenses, $1.85.

The announcements were made for the following day by the President.

Convention then adjourned for a social hour, which was enjoyed by all present.

## THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4TH, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. C. J. Ernst.

Business session called to order by the President, roll was called, minutes read and approved.

Reports of officers being next in order, the Corresponding Secretary presented her annual report:

### Report of Corresponding Secretary.

*To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod:*

*Dear Sisters:* To the Tabulated Statement I need add but little. The work done during the year, as shown by the statement, is rather encouraging, and yet not especially inspiring. A small number of Societies made no report during the year. Four new ones have been received and are heartily welcomed into our list. These are from Tekamah (Mission Band); Grace church, Omaha; Pawnee City, and Potter.

I was instructed by the Synodical Committee to collect, from our clergy and other friends, books, charts, maps, relics, etc., for the religious exhibit at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago. I put forth considerable effort in this direction, and forwarded the results to the proper parties. I regret to say that the collection was not altogether worthy of the great and prosperous Church which we represent.

There is still misunderstanding with regard to Life Membership. I suggest that it be declared to be the ruling of our Convention:

*First.* That life membership in the General Society carries no privileges into an Auxiliary Society.

*Second.* That only that Auxiliary Society of which a life member is an active member has the right to report her as a life member.

*Third.* That life members should be reported to the Synodical Corresponding Secretary in the annual report of the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary, and not in her quarterly reports.

I have made my quarterly reports to our General Secretary, and performed the other duties of my office to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY,

*Lincoln, Oct. 2, 1893.* *Synodical Corresponding Secretary.*

## Tabulated Statement of Corresponding Secretary for Year Ending August 31, 1893.

| | Names of Societies. | Names of Corresponding Secretaries. | Organized. | Quarters Reported. | Active Members | Honorary Members | Life Members | Journals Taken | Meetings Held | Amount sent to Synodical Treasurer | No. of Boxes Sent. | Value of Boxes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Auburn | Mrs. Carrie Johnson | 1884, 1890 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 21 | 2 | .... | 17 | .... | $37 30 | | |
| 2 | Benedict | Miss Belle Zerber | 1886, 1890 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Beatrice | Mrs. W. L. Remsberg | 1892 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 16 | .... | .... | .... | 12 | 20 83 | | |
| 4 | Dakota City | Miss Lizzie Haase | 1891 | 2, 3, 4 | 17 | .... | .... | 9 | 13 | 27 10 | | |
| 5 | Grand Island | Mrs. W. H. Becker | 1886, 1890 | 2, 4 | 8 | 1 | .... | 12 | .... | 10 50 | | |
| 6 | Lincoln, St. Mark's | Miss Laura J. Easterday | 1884 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 24 | .... | .... | 18 | 12 | 46 50 | 1 | $10 00 |
| 7 | Lincoln, Grace | Mrs. L. P. Ludden | 1890 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 21 | 7 | 1 | 16 | 12 | 38 45 | | |
| 8 | Nebraska City | Miss Lillie Korff | 1888 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Oakland, Grace | Miss Lizzie Foxwood | 1882 | 1, 2, 3 | 12 | .... | .... | 5 | .... | 16 30 | | |
| 10 | Omaha, Kountze Memorial | Mrs. A. J. Turkle | 1879, 1886 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 23 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 10 | 61 50 | | |
| 11 | Omaha, St. Mark's | Miss Hattie Berlin | 1887 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 24 | 5 | .... | 29 | 12 | 51 15 | | |
| 12 | Omaha, Grace | Miss Mary Krebs | 1893 | 3 | 7 | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Ponca | Mrs. S. K. Bittenbender | 1880 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 56 45 | | |
| 14 | Pawnee City | Miss Tillie Kerl | 1893 | 2, 3, 4 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 11 50 | | |
| 15 | Potter | Miss Anna M. Adams | 1893 | 3, 4 | 13 | 7 | .... | 7 | 6 | 13 00 | | |
| 16 | Rising | Miss Tillie Fisher | 1882 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 9 | .... | .... | 5 | 4 | 20 20 | | |
| 17 | Stella | Mrs. H. E. Clark | | 1, 2, 3 | 10 | .... | .... | 12 | 6 | 10 25 | | |
| 18 | Sabetha | Mrs. R. Zehner | 1892 | 2, 3, 4 | 7 | 1 | .... | 6 | 7 | 10 40 | | |
| 19 | Tekamah | Mrs. I. L. Wood | 1880 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 10 | .... | .... | 11 | 17 | 17 70 | | |
| 20 | West Point | Mrs. J. Drahos | 1881 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 10 | .... | .... | 8 | .... | 12 00 | | |
| 21 | Wilber | Mrs. E. A. Carey | 1892 | 1, 3, 4 | 14 | 6 | .... | 10 | 12 | 12 75 | | |
| 22 | Yutan | Mrs. J. F. Morning | 1883 | 2, 3, 4 | 20 | 18 | .... | .... | 12 | 46 00 | | |
| 23 | Omaha, St. Matthew's | Miss Martha Seeberger | 1888 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 11 | .... | .... | 5 | 12 | 12 40 | | |
| 1 | Auburn Mission Band | Miss Nellie Grovenburg | 1892 | 1, 3, 4 | 18 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 3 04 | | |
| 2 | Lincoln, St. Mark's Mission Band | Miss Nina Easterday | 1892 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 20 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 00 | | |
| 3 | Stella Mission Band | Miss Maude Graham | 1890 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Omaha, Kountze Memorial Mission Band | Mrs. A. J. Turkle | 1891 | 2, 3, 4 | 10 | 2 | .... | .... | 8 | 7 17 | | |
| 5 | Omaha, St. Mark's Mission Band | Miss Carrie Leeder | 1886 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 22 | 13 | .... | 12 | .... | 29 42 | 1 | 10 00 |
| 6 | Tekamah Mission Band | Miss Elsie Eckley | 1892 | 2, 3, 4 | 24 | .... | .... | .... | 16 | 3 35 | | |
| | Totals | | | | 380 | 66 | 3 | 209 | 182 | $581 26 | 2 | |

## Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer then offered the following report for the year ending August 31, 1893:

REPORT OF MRS. H. J. PENFOLD, TREASURER W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY, NEBRASKA SYNOD.

| | General Fund | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Oakland Memorial | India Girl, Parti Rebecca | Foreign Missions, Africa | Jubilee Medical Home | India Girl, Lamruth | Girls' Dormitory, Africa | Synodical Fee | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand, 1892 | | | | | | | | | | | $37 73 |
| Convention Collection, 1892 | | | | | | | | | | $2 84 | 2 84 |
| Convention Collection | | | $5 64 | | | | | | | | 5 64 |
| Convention Collection | | $4 40 | | | | | | | | | 4 40 |
| Auburn Auxiliary | $23 80 | | | $11 05 | | | | | | 1 80 | 36 65 |
| Benedict Auxiliary | 8 25 | | | 5 25 | | | | | | | 13 50 |
| Beatrice Auxiliary | 10 55 | | | 8 78 | | | | | | 1 60 | 20 93 |
| Dakota City Auxiliary | 15 75 | | | 9 75 | | | | | | 1 60 | 27 10 |
| Grand Island Auxiliary | 2 40 | | | 7 45 | | | | | | | 9 85 |
| Lincoln, Grace Church Auxiliary | 21 50 | | 1 70 | 13 65 | | | | | | 1 60 | 38 45 |
| Lincoln, St. Mark's Church Auxiliary | 27 70 | | | 11 40 | | | | | $5 00 | 4 40 | 48 50 |
| Nebraska City Auxiliary | 2 85 | | | | | | | | | 25 | 3 10 |
| Oakland Auxiliary | 13 00 | | | 7 80 | | | | | | 90 | 21 70 |
| Omaha, St. Matthew's Auxiliary | 6 75 | | | 4 55 | | | | | | 1 10 | 12 40 |
| Omaha, St. Mark's Auxiliary | 29 30 | | *3 00 | 11 65 | | | $4 80 | | | 2 40 | 51 15 |
| Omaha, Kountze Auxiliary | 14 00 | | | 14 30 | $12 50 | | | $12 50 | | 2 20 | 55 50 |
| Omaha, Grace Auxiliary | 1 25 | | | | | | | | | | 1 25 |
| Pawnee Auxiliary | 3 00 | 1 00 | 2 45 | 4 55 | | | | | | 70 | 11 70 |
| Ponca Auxiliary | 15 75 | | | 13 00 | | | | | | 2 70 | 31 45 |

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**Treasurer's Report.**—*Continued.*

| | General Fund | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Oakland Memorial | India Girl, Parti Rebecca | Foreign Missions, Africa | Jubilee Medical Home | India Girl, Lamruth | Girls' Dormitory, Africa | Synodical Fee | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Potter Auxiliary | $5 00 | $2 50 | $2 50 | | | | | | | $1 00 | $11 00 |
| Rising Auxiliary | 9 70 | | | $4 50 | | | | | | 1 00 | 15 20 |
| Stella Auxiliary | 3 00 | 6 00 | 3 00 | 7 25 | | | | | | 85 | 20 10 |
| Sidney Auxiliary | 3 91 | | | | | | | | | 30 | 4 27 |
| Sabetha, Kans., Auxiliary | 6 50 | | | 3 20 | | | | | | 70 | 10 40 |
| Tekamah Auxiliary | 10 20 | | | 6 50 | | | | | | 1 00 | 17 70 |
| West Point Auxiliary | 11 40 | | 50 | | | | | | | 2 00 | 13 90 |
| Wilber Auxiliary | 3 00 | 3 25 | 3 50 | 8 45 | | | | | | 1 30 | 19 50 |
| Yutan Auxiliary | 37 00 | | | 9 00 | | | | | | | 46 00 |
| Auburn Mission Band | 4 78 | | | | | | | | | | 4 78 |
| David City Mission Band | 70 | | | | | | | | | | 70 |
| Lincoln, St. Mark's Mission Band | 6 00 | | | | | | | | | | 6 00 |
| Omaha, Kountze Mission Band | 3 35 | | *3 15 | | | $1 80 | | | | 50 | 8 80 |
| Omaha, St. Mark's Mission Band | 7 95 | | | | | | $20 37 | | | 1 10 | 29 42 |
| Stella Mission Band | 78 | | | 3 75 | | | | | | | 4 53 |
| Tekamah Mission Band | 3 35 | | | | | | | | | | 3 35 |
| Mrs. Helen B. Fulmer | | | | 65 | | | | | | | 65 |
| Totals | $312 47 | $17 15 | $25 44 | $166 48 | $12 50 | $1 80 | $25 17 | $12 50 | $5 00 | $33 90 | $650 14 |

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| Total receipts | | $650 14 |
| Paid to Mrs. C. W. Baker, traveling expenses | $8 94 | |
| Paid for Printing | 3 00 | |
| Paid to Mrs. G. H. Albright, expenses | 3 30 | |
| Paid to Miss H. B. Swobe, literature | 5 26 | |
| Paid to Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, expenses | 14 29 | |
| Paid to L. W. Raber, printing | 8 25 | |
| Paid to Mrs. A. V. Hamma, General Treasurer | 578 51 | |
| Balance on hand | 28 59 | |
| | | $650 14 |

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. J. PENFOLD.

## Appointment of Committees.

No. 1. *On President's and Secretary's Reports*—Mrs. A. J. Turkle, Mrs. W. A. Pike.

No. 2. *On Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports*—Mrs. Allen Koch, Mrs. J. H. Humpe.

No. 3. *On Letters and Papers*—Mrs. Ellen Albright, Mrs L. F. M. Easterday.

No. 4. *On Last Year's Minutes*—Mrs. Allen Koch, Miss Clarissa Wilhelmy.

No. 5. *On Treasurer's Report*—Mrs. C. J. Ernst, Mrs. L. J. Motschmann.

No. 6. *On Report of Delegates*—Mrs. B. F. Pugh, Mrs. J. F. Harkins.

No. 7. *On Resolutions*—Mrs. H. J. Penfold, Mrs. Ed. Juel.

No. 8. *On Nominations* — Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Mrs. C. B. Havens, Mrs. W. L. Remsberg.

No. 9. *On Reporting to Church Papers*—Mrs. O. M. Easterday, Mrs. H. J. Penfold.

Reports of Standing Committees being in order, the report of the Executive Committee was read, and referred to Committee No. 2.

## Report of Literature Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

*Receipts.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand September 20, 1892 | | 36 |
| Received from Synodical Treasurer, September 20, 1892 | $5 26 | |
| Annual dues for 1892-93 | 4 50 | |
| Sales at Convention | 4 31 | |
| Sales during year | 8 27 | |
| Subscription for "Missionary Journal" | 3 75 | |

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| Subscription for "Mission Studies" | $4 00 |
| Subscription for "Missionary Review" | 4 00 |
| Subscription for "Children's Missionary" | 1 00 |
| Total | $35 45 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|---|
| Remitted to Mrs. J. B. Carr | $16 14 |
| Remitted to Mrs. H. H. Weber | 1 00 |
| Remitted to Rev. H. H. Weber | 3 75 |
| Remitted to Funk & Wagnalls | 4 00 |
| Tracts purchased at Biennial Convention | 48 |
| Postage and Expense | 5 46 |
| Cash on hand | 4 62 |
| Total | $35 45 |

(Enclosed find P. N. for $3.70 and debit slip for 92 cents for postage on letter heads, making $4.62.)

Amount due Mrs. Carr $10.21 (see bill attached), less $4.62, leaves balance of $5.59 for literature.

The various Conference Committees, then reported, showing progress in some parts of the work, while in others the work was not as encouraging as we could wish.

Historian's Report was then offered.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg gave some good words of encouragument, followed by Rev. G. H. Albright.

Moved and carried that we have the minutes of this convention bound with the minutes of Synod.

Session then closed with a solo by Mrs. Moore, of Beatrice.

## FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2 P. M.

After the opening exercises, the reports of delegates were given—Auxiliary, Young People and Children's Bands.

Report of Delegates to General Convention. Discussion, "Young People's Work," led by Mrs. Ella C. Beegle, Atchison, Kansas, followed by Mrs. L. J. Motschmann, Grand Island, Neb.

"Discussion, "Children's Work," led by Mrs. A. J. Turkle, Omaha, Neb., followed by Mrs. Ed. Juel, Auburn, Neb.

The question was then raised as to whether it would be advis-

able to change Children's Bands into Junior Endeavor Societies. The discussion became general and animated, but the question was not answered satisfactorily.

Then followed the children's exercises, conducted by the pastor and Miss Linda Mostert. The children deserve credit for the manner in which they carried out the programme.

Session closed with prayer and the benediction.

## FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 7 : 30 P. M.

Mrs. A. J. Turkle, Chairman of the evening.

After the opening exercises Mrs. O. M. Easterday gave an interesting Bible reading on the book of Job, after which we listened to the report of the Lutheran Woman's Religious Congress, held in Chicago, September 14th and 15th, written by Mrs. E. C. Beegle. Rev. J. N. Lenker then gave us a very earnest talk, taking his subject from Ezekiel xi. 16.

The offering was then taken for Home and Foreign Missions, which amounted to $4.41.

Closed with an anthem by the choir and benediction by Rev. A. C. Gearhart.

## SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 9 : 30 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. J. Starns.

Business session opened with Manual service, No. 12. Roll was then called.

Minutes read and approved.

Reports of Special Committees.

## Report of Committee No. 1.—On President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

We find the President's Address very interesting and instructive, and we recommend:

1. That it be condensed by and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, and printed in the minutes, so that all members of our auxiliaries may profit by its timely suggestions.

2. That the suggestions of the General Committee, concerning the appeal for Medical Home in India, and Church at San José be discussed at this Convention with a view of determining the best methods of raising the money to meet the demands.

3. That for the convenience of the work, the blank reports procured by the Literature Committee be adopted for the use of the delegates at the annual Convention.

4. That we make strenuous efforts to increase the circulation of the *Missionary Journal*, *Mission Studies*, and *Children's Missionary*.

First recommendation adopted.

Second recommendation discussed at this Convention and amended to read as follows:

That each Auxiliary raise the amount of 20 cents per member for Medical Home in India, leaving to each Auxiliary the method of raising the amount. Also, that the money for the church at San José, 30 cents per member, be raised at the same time.

This recommendation adopted.

Third recommendation amended to read as follows:

That we use the cards furnished by the Literature Committee, instead of blank reports formerly used.

Fourth recommendation adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

### On Corresponding Secretary's Report.

We find our Corresponding Secretary's report to be full and complete to the best of our knowledge, and we recommend the suggestions offered for adoption at this Convention:

1. That life membership in the General Society carries no privileges into an Auxiliary Society.

2. That only that Auxiliary Society of which a life member is an active member has the right to report her as a life member.

3. That life members should be reported to the Synodical Corresponding Secretary in the annual report of the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary, and not in her quarterly report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. J. TURKLE,
Mrs. W. A. PIKE.

Adopted as a whole.

## Report No. 2—On Officers and Standing Committees.

Report of Executive Committee.

Report of Literature Committee.

Report of North Platte Conference.

Report of Historian.

1. The Executive Committee's report represents earnest and faithful work, and when we realize the amount of work that rests upon this Committee and the effort put forth to accomplish their work, we would recommend the Convention extend to them a vote of thanks.

Adopted.

2. We have examined the report of the Literature Committee, and find the financial statement correct.

We would suggest some action be taken in paying for the "Costumes" that we have had for our use.

Moved that the Treasurer pay for the same as soon as practicable.

Carried.

N. B.—The Treasurer reported near the close of Convention that a subscription had been raised to the amount of indebtedness for the "Costumes."

3. The report of North Platte Conference shows progress, while we know they have had many discouragements.

Adopted.

4. We have examined the Historian's report and contents noted. We would recommend that our Historian be requested to write a complete history and send or bring it to the Convention.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. ALLEN KOCH,
MRS. J. H. HUMPE.

Adopted as a whole.

## Report of Committee No. 4—On Minutes of Last Year.

We have examined the last year's Minutes and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted, MISS CLARISSA WILHELMY,
MRS. ALLEN KOCH.

Adopted.

## Report of Committee No. 3—On Letters and Papers.

Your Committee recommend the following: We appreciate the great kindness of Mrs. Kimmel in offering us the use of the Woman's page of the *Lutheran Era*, and are very glad to send a report of this Convention. Our Young People's and Children's work were all excellent and worthy of space in our Minutes. We are grateful to Mrs. Beegle for her report of the Woman's Congress. We recommend a careful consideration of the letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Lutheran Woman's International League. The

address of welcome lacked nothing of the hearty cordiality since attested by the hospitality of the people of Beatrice.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. ELLEN C. ALBRIGHT,
MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY.

Adopted as a whole.

**Report of Committee No. 5—On Auditing Treasurer's Account.**

Your Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's annual report finds the same correct, and appreciates the careful and faithful work done by the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. J. ERNST,
MRS. L. J. MOTSCHMANN.

Adopted.

**Report of Committee No. 6—On Delegates.**

We find that out of thirty-one Societies but fourteen Woman's Missionary Societies and three Children's Bands sent in reports of their work. But these reports show encouragement in all directions. The Mission Bands especially seem a grand and helpful feature in this important work, and we hope that during the year many more may be organized.

The thanks of the members of the Convention are due our general delegate, Mrs. W. L. Remsberg, for a very full and interesting account of the proceedings of the Biennial Convention, held at Omaha, Neb.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. B. F. PUGH,
MRS. J. F. HARKINS.

Adopted.

**An Amendment of By-Law No. 6.**

An amendment was offered as follows:

That By-Law No. 6 be changed so that instead of "Just previous to the Annual Convention," it reads, "During the month of November, at which time a thank offering be gathered, which may be contributed to any authorized objects, as each Society may decide."

Carried.

**Report of Committee No. 7—On Nominations.**

The report was received and the following officers for the ensuing year were unanimously elected:

*President*—Mrs. O. M. Easterday.
*Vice-President*—Mrs. A. J. Turkle.
*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.
*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. L. J. Motschmann.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. H. G. Penfold.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, for her long and faithful service as Corresponding Secretary.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. O. M. Easterday for her Bible Reading.

Time and place of next meeting resulted in accepting an invitation to St. Mark's church, Lincoln, Neb.

A motion that the By-Laws be printed with the minutes was carried.

The ladies of Beatrice invited the delegates and visitors to take a ride around the city, which was accepted with a vote of thanks

**Report of Committee No. 7.—On Resolutions.**

1. *Resolved*, That we most heartily thank the members of this Church for the use of their house of worship, and the pleasant reception given to the delegates on Tuesday evening.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our sincere thanks to the members and others who so kindly furnished entertainment for us during our pleasant stay among them.

3. *Resolved*, That our thanks are due the pastor and his wife for their untiring efforts in our behalf.

4. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation to Rev. W. L. Remsberg, Mrs. Moore, and the choir who assisted them, for their sweet and inspiring music, which afforded us so much pleasure at this convention.

5. *Resolved*, That we regret, on account of illness, the resignation of our worthy President, Mrs. C. W. Baker, and would recommend that this convention instruct the Corresponding Secretary to write her a letter of sympathy and regret. And we offer with her our thanks to our Heavenly Father for her restoration to health and the new life which has been given them.

6. *Resolved*, That we also thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness in preserving the health of our Acting President, Mrs. G. H. Albright, who has so ably performed her duties.

7. *Resolved*, That our thanks are due the daily papers of this city for their full and complete accounts of this convention.

8. *Resolved*, That we distribute more missionary literature in our Auxiliaries and among others of the churches, as a means of bringing more women into sympathy with our work for the Master.

9. *Resolved*, That in view of the great work before us, and the many doors of usefulness opened to us, we urge all to greater zeal and to more complete consecration to God's service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. J. PENFOLD,
MRS. ED. JUEL.

Adopted as a whole.

Mrs. O. M. Easterday, the newly-elected President, made some very touching remarks, followed by a prayer service, and benediction by Rev. W. L. Remsberg, and the fourteenth annual convention was declared finally adjourned to meet in Lincoln in 1894.

MRS. S. S. RIEGEL,
*Recording Secretary.*

## BY-LAWS.

1. The officers of the Synodical Society shall constitute a Synodical Committee provided for in the Constitution, and they shall determine the frequency of their own meetings.

2. The place for committee meetings shall be left to the Executive Committee until otherwise ordered by the Synodical Convention.

3. The traveling expenses of the members of the Synodical Committee incurred in attending their meetings shall be paid by the Treasurer on order signed by the President.

4. The Executive Committee may choose two members to add to the Committee. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. The fiscal year of this society shall begin September 1st and close August 31st the following year.

6. (Amended Oct. 5.) The Missionary Societies of the Synod shall hold an annual praise-meeting during the month of November, at which time a thank-offering be gathered which may be contributed to any authorized objects, as each society may decide.

7. The Synodical expenses shall be left each year with the Executive Committee to apportion among the societies according to their membership.

8. Each Auxiliary Society and Young People's Society shall be limited to two voting delegates to the Annual Convention, and each Mission Band shall be represented by its superintendent or leader.

9. Life members of the General Society who are members of Auxiliaries shall have the privilege of voting at their Synodical Convention.

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